for Railway portion has also been sanctioned but State Government has not sanctioned. Detailed Estimate for its portion.

For ROB at Nirakarpur the level crossing at Nirakarpur is having traffic density of 67932 TVUs (Traffic Vehicular Units) only, hence does not qualify for replacement by ROB on cost sharing basis as traffic density should be one lakh TVUs. No proposal has been received from State Govt, for taking up work on deposit terms also.

(b) Shyamacharanpur P.H. and Talcher Road railway stations—All minimum essential amenities as per norms have already been provided at these stations. Modernisation/ upgradation of passenger amenities at stations is a continuous process and is undertaken through Annual Works Programme depending upon availability of funds and other relative priorities.

Dhenakanal railway station—Following modernisation works have been planned at this station:

(i) Raising and extension of platform and other allied works to accommodate 24 coach trains is planned for completion by 31st March, 2008.

(ii) Following improvement/developmental works have been planned for the year 2008-09.

(a) Provision of 2 bays platform shelter on platform No. 1.

(b) Provision of 3 bays platform shelter on platform No. 2.

(c) Provision of mosaic flooring on platform Nos. 1 & 2.

(d) Provision of Inter Voice Response System (IVRS), pay & use toilets etc.

Angul railway station—Following modernisation works have been planned at this station:

(i) Raising and extension of Platform and other allied works to accommodated 24 coach trains is planned for completion by 31st March, 2008.

(ii) Following improvement/developmental work has been planned for the year 2008-09.

Provision of 2 bays platform shelter on platform No. 1.

Boinda railway station—Raising and extension of platform and other allied works to accommodate 24 coach trains is planned for completion by 31st December, 2007.

Construction of low budget hotels

1283. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has identified sites in Karnataka for the construction of low budget hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways would be constructing hotels by themselves or would be leasing the land to private parties for the purpose; and

(d) if so, whether final decision in this regard has, so far, been taken and by when that would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Railways have identified Bangalore, Mysore, Mangalore and Belgaum in the State of Karnataka for setting up of Budget Hotels.

(c) and (d) It has decided that these hotels would be set up on Public Private Partnership basis wherein the land is being provided by the Railways and construction of hotels is being done by private partners.

Incidents of theft in trains

1284. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing incidents of theft in trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that many cases of theft reported in the Kerala-bound trains recently;

(c) if so, the details of such cases reported since January, 2006;

(d) whether compensation has been provided to the victims;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the measures taken for the safety of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There is a decline in cases of theft of passengers' belongings. Cases reported during the last three years are as under:

No. of cases of theft of passengers' belongings reported	2005	2006	2007 (Upto September)
	10846	10103	8274

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A statement showing the cases of theft reported in Kerala-bound trains during the year 2006 & 2007 (upto Oct.) are as under:—

Year	No. of cases	Value of Property		Arrest
		Stolen	Recovered	
2006	253	6726793	1031410	106 95
2007 (upto Oct.)	214	4425673	9883618	

(d) and (e) There is no provision in the rules to provide compensation for loss or theft

passenger or unless it is proved that the loss was due to negligence or misconduct on the part of the railways.

(f) To provide better security to the travelling passengers in trains and passenger areas, the Railway Protection Force Act, 1957 and the Railways Act, 1989 have been amended to enable the Railways, through the Railway Protection Force, to effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways.

The Railway Protection Force staff are also being deployed to escort more than 1450 trains on an average and deployed in the passenger area to augment the efforts off